

DRENNAN-ENRIGHT REQUEST PAY RAISE

Fire and Police Commissioners
Make Formal Pleas to
Estimate Board.

MAY LOWER STANDARDS

Scarcity of Applicants Leads
Civil Service Body to Sug-
gest Easier Tests.

Fire Commissioner Drennan sent a letter to Mayor Hylan and the Board of Estimate yesterday formally requesting that the firemen's pay be raised 10 per cent. Police Commissioner Enright made the same request for the patrolmen.

Thus officially the Board of Estimate has got what it asked for on June 28—the opinion of the two department heads as to whether they supported the salary applications that had been made by the patrolmen and firemen's organizations. The board was able to put off the uniformed petitioners on the ground that the application in their behalf should come from their Commissioners. Now that the Commissioners have kept faith with the men by saying formally what they have repeatedly said informally, namely that the increases should be granted in the interest of both sides, the board and the departments, decision by the Board of Estimate must be forthcoming.

The communications from Messrs. Drennan and Enright go on the calendar of next Friday's meeting of the board. As no matter relating to salary increases can be considered until it has been on the calendar a week, except by unanimous consent, it is unlikely that any action will be taken on Friday except reference of the communications to a committee, which normally would be the committee on salaries and grades, of which Alfred E. Smith, President of the Board of Aldermen, is chairman.

May Be Decided This Month.

The committee could make its report in time for a vote in the Board of Estimate on the following Friday, July 13. It has been hoped that the board would have its affairs in shape to make the meeting of July 19 the last before the vacation. It seems probable now, however, that there will have to be still another session, on July 26. Certainly at this meeting, if not earlier, the salary question ought to be disposed of.

Fire Commissioner Drennan asked for a 10 per cent. raise, dating from July 1, for the first, second, third and fourth grades of firemen, whose present pay ranges from \$1,050 to \$1,500 a year. In his letter he reminded the Board of Estimate of the jump in the cost of living in the past two years, also of the astonishing advance in the cost of uniforms, rubber boots and other things that the fireman is compelled to buy.

He figured that the sum needed to meet the salary increase for six months would be \$272,000, assuming that the 141 vacancies now existing are filled and substitutes are not appointed for the 250 firemen who are in military service but on the city payroll for the difference between their city and Government wages.

He estimated that the salary accrual in the Fire Department, meaning the money saved out of the salary appropriation would be \$250,000 by the end of the year. It has been requested that \$100,000 of accretion be transferred for the purchase of supplies. Even if this transfer is made, said the Commissioner, nearly \$150,000 will be available in the department which could be used to meet the salary increases.

In other words, more than half of the money required to give the firemen their 10 per cent. raise can be found right in their own department. The Commissioner also informed the Mayor that he expected to effect further economies.

Meanwhile the city of New York is so hard up for firemen that it is on the point of lowering the physical standards for appointment. For many years the required height was 5 feet 7½ inches. Two years ago this was reduced to 5 feet 7 inches. Now the Municipal Civil Service Commission proposes to take off another inch and also to reduce the minimum weight from 140 to 125 pounds.

The commission has been driven to this proposal by the scarcity of men who are willing to become firemen under present wage and hour conditions. Formerly, when an examination was announced, 4,000 or 5,000 men applied for admission to the eligible list. Filling of applications for a new examination was to have closed two weeks ago, but so few were received that the time was extended to July 10. This extension has yielded little or nothing. Up to this week only 318 applicants had filed their names. As only about one man in eight is fit to be a fireman the list is absurdly short.

Even the Legislature's action in raising the age limit to 35 years, has not produced results. Instead of tumbling over one another to get a fireman's job as they used to do men are avoiding a service that keeps one away from his home so much for so little money.

Suggest Use of Smaller Men.

The Civil Service Commission, seeing that something must be done, has suggested that smaller, slighter men be put into uniform.

Chief Kenyon is likely to fight this plan at to-day's hearing. He said yesterday: "Years ago New York had the idea that a fireman need not be more than 5 feet 6 inches tall, and made that the standard. The result was that we got men who simply didn't do the job for this trying work, and the qualifications of stature had to be raised. If we lower it now it will be the same thing over again. If the city wants to attract fit men into the service let it start by paying a decent wage."

In former years many young letter carriers became firemen. That source of supply has been cut off, for Uncle Sam on July 1 raised the carriers \$100 a year, making the lowest salary \$1,000, which is a lot better than the new fireman's \$1,050 after he has bought all the fighting clothes and other paraphernalia that a fireman must have.

OSBORN IS IN LEAD; HEARST IS IGNORED

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STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

William H. Kelley, chairman, appointed the "steering committee," consisting of himself, Joseph J. Murphy of Troy, David F. Lee of Norwich, John Fitzgibbons of Oswego, William H. Manning of Saratoga, Charles E. Norris of Watertown, T. Harvey Ferris of Utica, and the following additional members: Former Senator George A. Blauvelt of Rockland, W. W. Farley of Broome, Winfield A. Huppuch of Hudson Falls, Clifford Couch of Peekskill, Charles F. Boine of Buffalo, Gerald B. Fluhner of Orleans, John F. O'Brien of Wayne and Miss Kathryn Starbuck of Saratoga. This committee will meet at Saratoga on July 22, the night before the convention.

It is interesting to note how the members of the "steering committee" voted on the last ballot. Murphy, Lee and Norris were for Walker, Manning and Ferris cast their votes for Osborn. Kelley supported Gerard from first to last and Fitzgibbons stuck to Smith throughout. For Smith—J. J. McGrath of Greene, Mayor James D. Smith of Oneida, C. F. Boine of Erie, Timothy F. Coughlin of Erie, Louis P. Fuhrmann of Erie, For Edwards—Francis E. Cullen of Oswego, Charles F. Kattigian of Cayuga, Warren M. Sweet of Allegany. For Alexander—Henry W. Chidaine of Orange, Miss Starbuck of Saratoga, Jeremiah F. Connor of Oneida. For Lunn—James C. McDonald of Schenectady.

The two of the seven women members of the committee present in person, Mrs. Frances H. Lamm of Jefferson and Miss Starbuck, started to vote for Gerard, but the latter later switched to Alexander.

McCabe of Albany Absent.

The Senate district controlled by Patrick H. McCabe of Albany was not represented, as he never named a member of the committee. He was not in sympathy with its purpose of shelving Mr. Hearst, and probably will be one of the main Hearst agents at Saratoga. There were five members absent and unrepresented by proxy, but there was no significance to these absences.

An attempt was made by Mr. Manning and Mr. Murphy to have the session of the committee open to the press but they were voted down, on the ground that it would prevent frank expression of opinion. It was not found difficult, however, to learn what had actually happened.

Formal speeches were made on behalf of only three of the candidates. John T. Morrison of Johnstown and Frank Cooper of Schenectady, heading a Lunn committee from the Thirtieth Congress district, were permitted to present his claims, including the statement that he was the man the Federal Administration would like to see named. George W. O'Brien, a local lawyer, spoke for Charles H. Hitchcock, and Mr. Farley and another representative from Binghamton sang the praises of Mayor Walker.

Then followed a general discussion and an informal ballot, which brought out the eleven candidates already referred to and Charles E. Treman of Ithaca. It was suggested that ballots be taken until by a process of elimination one candidate had a majority of the committee and that his name be certified to Saratoga. This idea was dropped as impractical and a decision reached to take five formal ballots and then report the result to the convention.

Bitter Against Mr. Hearst.

The bitterness of the feeling against Mr. Hearst continued to find expression to-day. Of course there are up-State leaders as Mr. Kelley of Syracuse and Mr. Farley of Broome, who might follow the lead of Mr. Murphy and support the editor if he should receive the endorsement at Saratoga, but the vast majority of the men here declare they will throw their entire strength to Mr. Osborn or any other man who may take up the burden of the anti-Hearst fight in the primaries.

The candidacy of Mr. Hearst would split the party absolutely up-State, they declared, and insure the election of the Republican candidate. Somehow or other the up-State Democrats in a quiet sort of way have a good deal of confidence that with the right sort of ticket they have an excellent chance to win this year.

"William R. Hearst as a candidate before the people on the Democratic ticket is impossible," declared Charles F. Rattigan of Auburn. "Unless he takes himself out of the race within sixty days he will be in a political valesempire, suffering from a degenerated shell shock. Allow him to head

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REPROOF FOR GLYNN.

Lewis Tells Him to Cease Activity for Whitman or Resign.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
ALBANY, July 9.—Attorney General Lewis, who is opposing Gov. Whitman for the Republican nomination for Governor, to-night sent the following letter to State Chairman George A. Glynn:

"I notice in a recent issue of the New York newspapers that you express the opinion that Gov. Whitman will win in the primaries.

"May I ask when you resumed your former attitude, which I understood you had abandoned? I wrote you recently calling your attention to the impropriety of the chairman of the State committee acting as the manager of a candidate seeking votes in the coming primary. It now appears that, although you declared that you would have nothing further to do with Gov. Whitman's candidacy, you are openly predicting his success.

"As chairman of the State committee you are violating the spirit and intent of the law as well as the precedents and practices of former chairmen. I demand that you at once either cease your activities in behalf of Gov. Whitman or resign your position as chairman of the State committee."

Spain Stops Ship Movement News.

MADRID, July 9.—Publication of any news of the movements of merchantmen is prohibited beginning to-day. This is the first application of the new anti-spy law.

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league's first letter to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Koenig, "that in the Twelfth Congressional district, which is now represented by Meyer London, Socialist, the Democratic and Republican parties unite in tendering the nomination to Mr. Straus. We believe that his record for ability, patriotism and capacity to do exact justice without regard to class or other interests would enable him to poll the full Democratic and Republican vote in that district, and that he would also command the support of those Socialists—or whom we venture to believe there are many—who put patriotism above the tenets of their party. Unless this nomination is made possible and a man like Mr. Straus put forward the disaster of the last election will be repeated."

Both Mr. Koenig and Mr. Murphy ignored that letter, so Charles D. Orth, chairman of the league's committee, wrote to them again. This time he said: "Under recent date I had the honor to address you a letter in which the possibility of defeating Meyer London was suggested through the coalition of the Republican and Democratic parties in the Twelfth district."

Up to the present I have received no reply. May I suggest that the subject is of sufficient importance to demand your immediate consideration? I beg to add that in view of the fact that the reply has been received I feel at liberty to make public the suggestion which I had the honor to submit to you."

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